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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Yasushi Yamamoto, et al.

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Examiner: Michael S. Leslie

For: FLUID COUPLING

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: